

## REMARKS

Claims 9, 10 and 18 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinguish the claimed invention. Specifically, the nonwoven fabric is now defined as being formed of polyester fibers containing 50% by weight or more of a polyester fiber having a double refraction ( $\Delta n$ ) 0.170 or more, as a heat shrinkage stress at 200°C of 0.10-0.60 g/d, and a mean single fiber fineness of 1.0-6.5 denier. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at page 43, lines 7-14.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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